

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary

Application No.

10/817,279

Applicant(s)

MEANEY ET AL.

Examiner

Phallaka Kik

Art Unit

2825

All Participants:

(1) Phallaka Kik.

(2) Lynn L. Augspurger (Reg. No. 24,227).

Status of Application: Non-Final Rejection

(3) _____.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 21 May 2007

Time: 10:13 AM

Type of Interview:

☒ Telephonic

☐ Video Conference

☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description: _____.

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

None

Claims discussed:

1-2,4,7

Prior art documents discussed:

None

Part II.

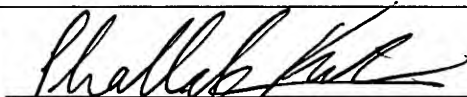
SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.



(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: In response to the Examiner's indication that claims 1,7 contain informalities and indefinite language which make the claims very hard to understand, Applicant's Representative authorizes the Examiner to amend the claims to remove these informalities and provide greater clarity to claims 1 and 7, as given in the attached examiner's amendment, wherein as per claim 1, by inserting --while, -- before "given" (line 11), it is clarified that this optimization is to be performed as part of the minimizing step, at the same time as the implementing the minimized circuit, and as per claim 7, as amended in the attached Examiner's amendment, it is clarified the multiple checks are part of the orthogonal checker, which are then combined with the reduced input sets, which are inherent in the system, to then be performed using the orthogonal checking recited in claim 6, from which the claim depends. In addition, Applicant's Representative also confirmed that the "establishing of optimal mix of hierarchical level" as recited in claims 2 and 4, are enabled in the specification as illustrated in paragraph [0018], which the Examiner agrees provides for sufficient enablement for the claimed invention.